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MACNY's Annual Legislative Breakfast Recap

Thank You to All Who Attended

MACNY held its Annual Legislative Breakfast on October 19, 2021, at the DoubleTree Hotel in East Syracuse with about 100 MACNY members and legislative leaders in attendance. Since the event was held virtual last year, it was great to be back in person with proper safety measures in place.

Several members of the New York State Legislature along with legislative representatives from city and county government and the U.S. Congress were there to chat with our members and provide thoughtful and valuable feedback on various key manufacturing issues.

In addition, a representative from Governor Kathy Hochul's Office presented MACNY with a New York State Proclamation to recognize October as Manufacturing Month. Previously, we received a Resolution from the NYS Legislature and recognition from Congressman John Katko.



MACNY holds this event each year to provide members with our legislative agenda, highlight key state and federal issues, discuss current matters facing manufacturing, and to gather feedback from our members on what is most important to them. The event also provides direct access to local elected officials.



This year's event panelists, all experts in their field, focused on issues "top of mind" to include tax parity for all manufacturers, workforce development, COVID-19 workplace safety, legal cannabis and workplace testing, NY HERO Act rules and deadlines, and the proposed New York Health Act. Thank you to panelists: Paul Henry, CPA/ Partner, The Bonadio Group; Fred Matt, President, Saranac/ F.X. Matt Brewing Co., Inc.; Sean Doolan, President, Hinman Straub; Emily Arthur, Human Resources Manager, Riverhawk Companies; and Andy Bobrek, Member, Bond, Schoeneck & King.

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Representatives in attendance included:

NYS

Assemblyman Al Stirpe
Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon
Assemblyman John Lemondes
Assemblyman Mark Walczyk
Senator Pam Helming
Senator Rachel May

City/County

Oswego Mayor Billy Barlow
Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon

Legislative office representatives:

Lisa Sacco – Assemblywoman Pam Hunter
Craig Swiecki – Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli
Deanna Schneider – Senator John Mannion
Dan Kolinski – Empire State Development
Tracy DiGenova – Office of Governor Kathy Hochul
Chris Burtis – Congressman John Katko
Joe Nehme and Emily Cole – U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer

The event was made possible with the help of our sponsors. I would like to thank Bond, Schoeneck & King; The Bonadio Group; C&S Companies, Fust Charles Chambers; Gear Motions; Morse Manufacturing; and WestRock for supporting this year's event.

MACNY will continue to host government relations events in virtual, in-person, and hybrid formats. We also still plan to hold a manufacturing advocacy event next year in Albany but will continue to monitor the pandemic and any new mandates and laws. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime to share your legislative or policy priorities with me, so we can best serve you! I can be reached any time at tiffanylatinog@macny.org.

